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SUBJ: AD HOC TERRORISM COMITE

1. WEO MEMBERS AD HOC COMITE MET UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP UK WHO CHAIRS WEO LEGAL COMMUNITY THIS YEAR. GROUP DISCUSSED BUREAU AND STRATEGY. GROUP RECALLED THAT LAST MEETING OF COMITE IN 1973 HAD FOUNDERED ON ARAB INSISTENCE THAT NO MEASURES BE CONSIDERED UNTIL MIDDLE EAST SITUATION RESOLVED AND THAT 31ST GA DECISION TO REVIVE COMITE HAD BEEN TAKEN AT ARAB URGING AND WITH LITTLE ENTHUSIASM ON PART OF REMAINDER OF MEMBERSHIP.

2. ON QUESTION OF BUREAU ALL AGREED WE SHOULD TRY TO WORK AGAINST THE CHAIRMANSHIP GOING TO "OTHER SIDE", E.G., ARAB OR RADICAL NON-ALIGNED. NO WEO WAS WILLING TO TRY FOR POST. ACCORDING SECRETARIAT NO ONE HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POST AND PANAMA, WHICH HELD IT LAST TIME COMITE MET (1973), HAD INDICATED WISH NOT TO HOLD POST AGAIN. WEO'S AGREED TO CABLE TO CAPITALS TO ASK INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT STANDING FOR VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OR POSSIBLY RAPPOREURSHIP BECAUSE NO RPT NO VOLUNTEERS PRESENTES SELVES AT MEETING.

3. ON GOALS AND TACTICS ALL AGREED THAT SINCE CHANCES OF
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PROGRESS WERE LESS DIM IN CONTEST HOSTAGES QUESTION WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP IN AUGUST NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO POISON ATMOSPHERE OR OTHERWISE DIMINISH POSSIBILITIES REGARDING A CONVENTION AGAINST TAKING HOSTAGES. GENERAL SENSE OF MEETING WAS THAT WEO'S SHOULD DEFEND THEIR EXISTING POSITIONS IN MODERATE KEY, SPEAKING AS IN THE PAST AGAINST EXCEPTION FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUSION OF THE CONCEPT

OF STATE TERRORISM OR CONCENTRATION IN THIS COMITE ON CAUSES
IN ORDER AVOID CONVEYING SUGGESTION THAT OUR VIEWS HAD ERODED
ON THESE ISSUES.

4. COMMENT: WE CONCUR WITH ABOVE STRATEGY AND BELIEVE THIS
SUGGESTS OUR POSTURE SHOULD BE VERY MUCH ALONG THE LINES
CONTAINED STATEMENT BY MONROE LEIGH IN LEGAL COMITE AT 31ST GA,
I.E., TO CALL ATTENTION TO OUR 1972 DRAFT CONVENTION AND SUGGEST
IT BE LOOKED AT AGAIN, TO STATE THAT WE RECOGNIZE IT NOT ONLY
APPROACH AND THAT WE OPEN MINDED, TO STRESS UTILITY OF
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG GOVERNMENTS AND TO SPEAK OUT IN
MODERATE KEY AS NECESSARY AGAINST EXCEPTION FOR NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUSION OF STATE TERRORISM OR
CONCENTRATION ON CAUSES AS SOMETHING WHICH MUST BE ELIMINATED
BEFORE MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN.
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